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The Editors reserve the right to edit materials submitted for publication.

We would like to thank the following for their contributions to this issue :

Bobby Dail - Chesapeake, Virginia

Doris Sauls - Raleigh, N.C.

Sylvia Whitford - Plymouth, N.C.

John Oden - Pinetown, N.C.

Susan Funk - Worthington, Ohio

Vernon Everett, Jr. - Ivor, Virginia

Kathy Thewbald - Lakewood, Ohio

Stanley West - Washington, N.C.

Donald R. Clark - Lockport, Illinois

Next Meeting-September 30, 1990-3:00pm in Washington County Library

Date will be reminded in Roanoke Beacon Newspaper & announced on WPNC.

Congratulations to Bobby Dail of Chesapeake, Virginia who was chosen winner for our newsletter cover contest.

Bobby is the son of Sandy & Ron Bascombe of Virginia and Preston & Carol Dail of Tyner, N.C. He is a 17 year old senior at Deep Creek High School. At present, he is taking an art course under the aegis of the American Council of Education. The course is being offered by Art Instruction Schools, Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota with 52 credits to any accredited college in the United States.

Bobby is an active member of Temple Baptist Church and also active in numerous sports. With the many awards and honors he has received, the Washington County Genealogical Society is proud to award Bobby Dail \$10.00 (the price of a year's subscription) as a little token of appreciation for his lovely work.

He is the grandson of one of our members, Donald Jones.



Bobby Dail

Many thanks also goes out to one of our members, Stanley West who came in second place for his drawing entry for our newsletter cover. All entries were very much appreciated by our Society.

Our Society feels very honored that the North Carolina Genealogical Society used one of our articles in their paper. The article was "Plank Roads of N.C." which was submitted by Sylvia Whitford. Personally, I like Sylvia's work and you will be reading more articles in future newsletters as well as this issue.

The Genealogical Workshop was held at the Masonic Temple in Washington, N.C. in July. The speakers were outstanding and were: Rev. Nelson A. L. Weller, Helen F. M. Leary, C.G., and Jane Smith Hill. The informative meeting was enjoyed by all. Participating Panelists were: the speakers plus John Oden and R. S. Spencer, Jr. who answered many of our questions. Thanks to all the people who made this workshop a success!

We were happy to have Jimmy Hardison as guest speaker at our last meeting who spoke on the Civil War. He suggested two very good books to study if you are looking for Civil War Ancestors - Plymouth Pilgrims and Iron Clads in Columbia War of a Different Kind. People attending this meeting were from Plymouth, Roper, Jamesville, Washington, Pinetown, Belhaven, Raleigh, Edenton, Creswell, and Ivor, Virginia.

Washington County General Assembly
(continued from August Issue)
Representatives

Name	Years	Name	Years
David C. Guyther	1844-1845	W. R. Chesson	1905
Thomas B. Nichols	1846-1849	Thomas W. Blount	1907-1908
Uriah W. Swanner	1850-1851	Charles W. Snell	1909
Charles Phelps	1852	Arthur W. Swain	1911
Henry A. Gilliam	1854-1857	Charles W. Snell	1913
Joseph S. Norman	1858-1859	Arthur W. Swain	1915
Charles Latham	1860-1861	James C. Coggins	1917
James H. Smith	1862-1864	Benjamin F. Halsey	1919-1920
L. C. Latham	1864-1865	Van B. Martin	1921-1924
J. A. Nelson	1865-1866	Carl L. Bailey	1925
James J. Rea	1868-1870	Van B. Martin	1927
David C. Guyther	1870-1874	John W. Darden	1929
G. B. Wiley	1874-1875	Zebulon V. Dorcas	1931
S. L. Johnston	1876-1877	Charles E. Mizell	1933
John M. Bateman	1879	Harry Stell	1935-1938
F. Spruill	1880	Wilbur M. Darden	1939-1941
Alexander Hicks	1881	Ben A. Sumner	1943
E. H. Leary	1883	William H. Peele, Sr.	1945
N. H. Harrison	1885	John W. Darden	1947
Charles W. Snell	1887-1891	E. O. Arnold	1949
H. J. Starr	1893	William J. Woolard	1951-1953
John M. Bateman	1895	John M. Phelps	1955-1961
L. N. C. Spruill	1897	Mrs. John M. Phelps	1961
T. L. Tarkenton	1899-1900	Carl L. Bailey, Jr.	1963-1966
Thomas W. Blount	1901-1903		

Washington County, North Carolina
Land Grants

There are over 184 grants filed under Washington County in the Land Grant Office of the Secretary of State in Raleigh. Many tracts in present-day Washington County were granted prior to its formation in 1799 from Tyrrell County. These earlier grants appear among the 1580 filed under Tyrrell County.

I have listed the Washington County grants with the information that appears on the shucks with two exceptions. Under the listing entitled "location" the description often reads "beginning at a pine" or "on the South side of the Albemarle Sound". I have changed this to list family names, creeks, swamps, etc. that appear in the survey. The names of chain carriers does not appear on the shuck, and since they are important to researchers, I have consulted the surveys and listed them.

For the most part I have spelled names as they appear in the grants.

Doris Harrell Sauls

Name McCray, John File No. 1
County Washington Acres 640
Grant 1 Issued November 18, 1800
Entry No. given not Entered July 21, 1798
Book No. 109 Page No. 415
Location S S Albemarle Sound
SHUCK EMPTY
Chain Carriers _____

Name Swinson, John File No. 3
County Washington Acres 86
Grant 3 Issued 23 November 1802
Entry No. 373 Entered 15 September 1798
Book No. 110 Page No. 78
Location Known by name of Hawkins Br, Stewart Walker, Richard Swinson, Charles Johnston
Chain Carriers Thomas Stubbs, Stewart Walker

Name Jones, James File No. 5
County Washington Acres 60
Grant 5 Issued 23 November 1802
Entry No. 373 Entered 30 Jan. 1799
Book No. 110 Page No. 79
Location Known by name Beaverdam Swp, John Goelet, Thomas & Benjamin Jones, Mulberry Branch
Chain Carriers William Blount, Arthur Turner

Name Walker, Thomas File No. 2
County Washington Acres 64 1/2
Grant 2 Issued 23 November 1802
Entry No. 374,375 Entered 30 January 1799
Book No. 110 Page No. 78
Location SE side Conobys Cr, Abner Stubbs, Isaac Ains, Micajah Stubbs
Chain Carriers William Stubbs, John Skittlethorpe

Name Corprew, Malachi File No. 4
County Washington Acres 24 1/2
Grant 4 Issued 23 November 1802
Entry No. 350 Entered 26 September 1797
Book No. 110 Page No. 79
Location Lovick Harrison, William White
Chain Carriers Samuel Corprew, Aron Harrison

Name Everitt, Joseph File No. 6
County Washington Acres 47
Grant 6 Issued 28 November 1803
Entry No. 366 Entered 1 September 1798
Book No. 118 Page No. 112
Location Hughes Swp, John Garrett, Elizabeth Harrison, Harmon Webb
Chain Carriers William Currell, Harmon Harrison

to be continued

Saving The Potatoes
by
Sylvia Whitford

During the Civil War all the able bodied men had gone to fight, and the women and children were left at home to do the best they could. Food was scarce and the farm was beginning to suffer, with no men to plow the fields.

My great-great-grandmother had planted a big garden, and with the help of the children had harvested a good crop of Irish potatoes. The war was not going well for the South. Word trickled down that the northern army was only four or five days away.

Great-great-grandmother began to worry about the freshly dug potatoes. Any marching army needs food, and she knew those potatoes were in jeopardy. She also knew without them her family would be hungry, come winter. She was determined to safeguard them well.

It took a full morning for her and the children to hide them. She prayed her hide-away would withstand the scrutiny of a bunch of hungry soldiers.

Sure enough, when the men in blue came down the road they were stopping at every farm, searching for food.

My great-grandfather was just a boy at the time. He was playing in the front yard when the Yankees were sighted coming down the road. The soldiers stopped to talk to the boy. He was fascinated by the uniforms. One young trooper stooped to the boy's level and asked, friendly like, "where's your ma got the spuds hid, boy?"

The soldiers were wise to ask such a young boy, it's a well known fact young children can not keep a secret. He looked at the soldier with a blank face and replied, truthfully, "I ain't got no spuds, mister."

The soldiers did not even bother to search, knowing such a young tike could not lie. What they didn't know was the boy never heard potatoes called spuds.

And that is the tale, handed down in my family, about how my great-grandfather saved the potatoes from the Yankees.

Elder Henry Robason son of Henry Robason and Sally his wife was Burned at Buncumb Hall, Washington County, N.C. January 3rd 1785 and departed this life February 25th 1872. aged 87 years (illegible) months and 22 days. Funeral was Preached by Elder Stanly Ayers from the 5-6-7 & 8th verses of 4th Chapt of Timothy. "ay my last end be like His which was Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord & 14th Chapter of Revelations. Written by P(?). A(?). Robason his youngest child.

(Book also contains births of five children of Thomas H. Robason and his wife Sally Ann from 1840-1848.)

From overleaf of book titled The Lives of the Apostles of Jesus Christ, published c. 1813 (No Author) New Haven by L.H. Young. Book located in the Discipliana Collection, Library of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N.C.

Submitted by : John Oden

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Susan Funk
 Address 6792 Allergy St. W.
 City, State Worthington, OH 43085
 (daughter of #1)

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.

Chart No. 1

b. Date of Birth
 p.b. Place of Birth
 m. Date of Marriage
 d. Date of Death
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Ivey Alligood
 (Father of No. 2)

b. 5 June 1834
 p.b. Beaufort Co., N.C.
 m. 26 Feb. 1860
 d. 17 May 1911
 p.d. Beaufort Co., N.C.

2 Ire Joyner Alligood
 (Father of No. 1)

b. 5 Oct. 1883
 p.b. Jessome, N.C.
 m. 21 March 1915
 d. 19 August 1966
 p.d. Washington, N.C.

5 Sophie Ann Hester Congleton
 (Mother of No. 2)

b. 20 Aug. 1851
 p.b. Beaufort Co., N.C.
 d. 7 May 1912
 p.d. Beaufort Co., N.C.

1 Horace I. Alligood

b. 14 Nov 1923
 p.b. Creswell, NC
 m. 19 Oct 1946
 d.
 p.d.

6 Eli D. Spruill
 (Father of No. 3)

b. c. 1859
 p.b. Washington County, N.C.
 m. 12 Oct. 1882
 d. 11 Oct. 1930
 p.d. Cherry, N.C.

3 Mary Elizabeth Spruill
 (Mother of No. 1)

b. 2 Nov. 1889
 p.b. Cherry, N.C.
 d. 5 Oct. 1985
 p.d. Washington, NC

7 Elizabeth Patrick
 (Mother of No. 3)

b. 27 Sept. 1864
 p.b. Washington County, N.C.
 d. 30 May 1944
 p.d. Norfolk, Va.

Jean Elizabeth Graham
 (Spouse of No. 1)

b. 9 Aug 1920 d. 24 Aug 1986
 p.b. Rochester, NY p.d. Clemmons, NC

16 Jacob Alligood
 b. 1747-1752 (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. 2)

m.
 d. 1800-1810

17 Rebecca
 (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. 2)

b.
 d. 1825 or 1826

18
 (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. 2)

m.
 d.

19
 (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. 2)

b.
 d.

20 Allen Congleton
 b. c. 1795 (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. 3)

m. 1820-1825
 d. 1868 or 1869

21 Rechel
 (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. 3)

b. c. 1799
 d. 1860-1869

22
 (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. 3)

m.
 d.

23
 (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. 3)

b.
 d.

24
 (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 3)

m.
 d.

25
 (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. 3)

b.
 d.

26 Robinson Davenport
 b. 1804-1808 (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 3)

m.
 d.

27 Meriah Woodley ??
 b. c. 1812 (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. 3)

d.

28 Joseph Patrick
 b. c. 1779 (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 3)

m.
 d. 1842-1849

29 Catherine
 b. c. 1784 (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. 3)

d. 1869 or 1870

30 Henry Spruill
 b. (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. 3)

m.
 d. 1824

31
 (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. 3)

b.
 d.



Helping out the neighbors

Ric Carter photo

Vernon Everett made the trip to Washington County from Ivor, Virginia to do a little maintainance on a family cemetary. He then decided to do the same at his grandparent's gravesite at Rehoboth Church. Rather than hit just one spot in the yard of the 140-year-old building, Vernon gave the neighbors a helping hand. Originally an Anglican congregatiln in colonial times, the tiny chuch between Roper and Creswell is now United Methodist.



Top Photo: East Carolina Reminder

16 May 1990

Columbia, N.C.

Bottom Photo : G.J. Cherry Cemetery

We were so pleased to have Vernon Everett, Jr. and his wife to attend our last meeting. They are from Ivor, Virginia. Thank you so much for sharing your family information with us.

The bottom photo is the family cemetery mentioned in top photo. Gisbourne J. Cherry Cemetery is located on private land off of the main highway. It is two miles west of the junction of 32 and 64 going toward Roper, N.C. The driveway is on the right past Holly Neck Road. There is a locked gate on this land now owned by Raymond Spruill. This cemetery is also known as the Noah White Cemetery and Sallie Cherry Davenport Cemetery. There is an ornamental iron fence with the name G.J. Cherry on the gate.

John Freeman owned this land before Noah White. John Freeman is not any of the family but is buried outside the fence (1841).

This cemetery record will be put in our library with others that have been completed. Cherry, Davenport, White, Tarkington, Vernon, Wynne, Starr, and Aumack ancestors are included in this record (burials & removals).

A lot of love, time, and hard work was put into this. Thanks again, Vernon for sharing it with us.



Noah White
1801-1879

Ann Eliza White Mary Louisa White Jemima White
(Tarkington) (Starr) 1839-1893
1837 1830-1884



Sarah Frances White
1833-1890

Helen Henrietta White
(Tarkington)
1841-1916

Elizabeth White Caroline Virginia White
(Cherry) (Spruill) then (Holmes)
1829-1892 1899

Submitted by : Vernon Everett, Jr.

For Queries 1-3 listed below, please contact :

Mrs. Kathy Theobald-14235 Bayes Ave.-Lakewood, Ohio 44107

1. Need info on Joshua Woldly Hassell, b. 1786, d. 25 Nov. 1824 near Mackey's Point, N.C. He was buried next to his Uncle Joshua, but where?
2. Need info on Jesse Hassell, who married Mourning Barnes (Leary)? Any b, m, or d. dates. His children were Joshua Woldly, Mourning, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Sydia. He lived in Washington County below Mackey's Creek, within 2 miles of where the creek empties into Albemarle Sound.
3. Seeking info on William Hassell, father of Jesse Hassell, described above. Jesse was his only son. William first settled in Tyrrell County, which was the lower part of Washington County in 1840. Any dates, or where he is buried?
4. Would appreciate any info on Fannie Davis Ange who lived in Angetown near Jamesville, N.C. (m) Malachi Ange and was 1st cousin to Harriett Davis (m) Malachi Ange after Fannie's death. Davis family was from Lees Mill area of Roanoke, N.C. Contact: Stanley West-Route 4, Box 249-B Washington, N.C. 27889
5. Am seeking any information on the Leggett Cemetery next to the land owned by Jim Porter on Longridge Road in Plymouth, N.C. (Contact: Stanley Westaddress same as #4).
6. Would appreciate information on Sherry Blount (m) Mary E. Fagan 25 Nov 1861. Sherry is the son of Robert Blount and Elizabeth Smithwick. According to family tradition, Sherry went off to war and did not return. I now think that John William Blount who was living in 1885 was their child. Did she remarry? Did he have any heirs? Please contact: Doris Harrell Sauls-320 Fernwood Drive-Raleigh, N.C. 27612
7. Need info on Mary Blount, daughter of Robert Blount and Elizabeth Smithwick. Mary (m) Richard W. Leary 4 March 1852 and possibly Elsberry Ambrose 19 Dec 1853. Richard E. Ambrose was possibly their son. (Contact: Doris Sauls (address above #6).
8. Seeking any information on Samuel Williams born ca 1785 and his wife Dicey born ca 1796. They are listed in 1850 & 1860 Pitt County, N.C. Census. They had 5 known children. A son, Joel Williams (B) 6 Oct 1826-Pitt County (D) 27 Dec 1895 (m) ca 1857 to Harriett McGowan, (B) ca 1837-40 Pitt County, N.C. Was Harriett McGowan's father Guilford McGowan? Was her mother Lazina Tison? This Williams line ties into a Beddard line that I am researching. Which in turn ties into my Davenport line of Washington County & Beaufort County, N.C.

Anyone having information on these family names, please contact :
Donald R. Clark-P.O. Box 351-Lockport, Illinois 60441-0351

